



Board of Transportation Safety

Meeting Minutes

07/06/06

DRAFT

DMV - Richmond, VA

Chair: Dee Bowles

Recording Secretary:

Audrey Odum

Board Members Present: Dee Bowles, Charles Rosemond, Bruce Wingo, Melvin Robertson, Walter Yeatts, Seldon Rhodes, Charles Quillin, Rebecca Martin, Tom McGrath, Allen Muchnick, Paulette Benson

Board Member(s)

Absent: Judy Suddith

DMV Staff: David Mitchell, John Saunders, Audrey Odum, David Mosley, Angelisa Jennings, Kathy Aebischer, Bruce Biondo, Butch Letteer, Bob Weakley, Monty Mills, Doug Stader, MaryAnn Rayment

Guest(s): Dr. Barbara Freund
Eastern VA Medical School

Chair Dee Bowles called meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending. The Chair acknowledged reappointment of herself and Allen Muchnick to the Board. The Chair also recognized the success of the ACTS Conference and Awards ceremony. Thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Deputy Commissioner David Mitchell welcomed everyone and apologized for absence of both Deputy Secretary Ralph Davis and Commissioner D.B. Smit due to prior commitments. He mentioned the decline in the seatbelt rate and emphasized the importance of working together with our partners to continue moving traffic safety in the right direction. He also informed the Board and staff about Jim Bradford's retirement.

Chair Dee Bowles asked Secretary to the Board, David Mitchell to call roll. Representation was sufficient for a quorum.

Board Business

Chair Dee Bowles asked the Board to review for approval the minutes from the May 2006 meeting. Approved with no amendments.

David Mitchell furnished Board with an update of past action statements:

Seatbelt Resolution

DRAFT Resolution was furnished to Board. Staff continues to research information for inclusion in the Resolution. Once complete, DRAFT will be sent to Board after Secretary of Transportation approval, then finalized and forwarded to Governor Kaine.

Governor's Initiative:

The Governor's directive to the Secretary of Public Safety to increase speed limit enforcement on I-81 and I-95 began July 7. Kathy Aebischer discussed current request for funding for FY06 as well as the FY07 request for the additional funding to support this initiative. Estimated Request - \$849,500.

Recognition Request:

Charles Quillin previously asked the Board to approve a letter of recognition for an Augusta County Deputy. The Board requested that staff prepare a draft for review. The letter has been prepared and approved. Staff is currently coordinating a date for the presentation with the Augusta Sheriff's office.

Enforcement Activity Report:

David Mosley provided an overview of data collected from the Click It or Ticket Program relating to warnings/citations. He also provided information on types of roadways where enforcement takes place.

Action: *Board requested final year end data on the Click It or Ticket It Program. Staff to check on providing information to Board on "Vehicle Miles Traveled" by jurisdiction.*

Chair Dee Bowles recognized Kristen Allen from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Kristen highlighted some of NHTSA's traffic safety news and information:

John Hopkins Study on Graduated License	Safety Belt Ratings
2006 Crash Test and Rollover Ratings	Child Safety Seats Rating
Applications (410 and Motorcycle)	NHTSA's OP Planning Session

For more information on these topics and others, go to www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

Standing Reports

Angelisa Jennings provided an overview of the most recent crash statistics.

David Mosley mentioned Virginia's Strategic Plan and recommended that Board members review and submit comments and concerns asap.

Action: *Board requested staff to explore working with DOE to study and address*

curriculum for young drivers. Would like to have a representative from DOE and DMV invited to future Board meeting to discuss current program and requirements.

Kathy Aebischer presented the year-to-date Financial Report. (FY06)

Presentations

Charles Rosemond, Chair of the Allocations Committee, gave a brief overview of the May 23rd meeting and recognized committee members, Walter Yeatts and Judy Suddith. He also recognized staff and all the hard work it took to prepare for meeting.

Kathy Aebischer began the FY07 grant review.

Higher Education:

Eastern VA Medical School (ID#:2600)

- Dr. Freund was present to give an update on grant request for their Drinking and Driving Among College Students – An experimental Driving Study. Motion made to include this grant in the “Higher Education” section for final approval. Grant was approved in the amount of \$63,000.

Virginia Commonwealth University (ID#'s 2646, 2536,2643,2644,2675,2645,2641 & 2642)

- Check on salary and percentages. Provide Board with salary and % of salaries for each grant.

Note: Board member Seldon Rhodes abstained from voting on any grants. He cited inconsistency of information provided in grant notebook vs. verbal information being provided by staff.

Motion was made and seconded. **Board Approved Higher Education Section with above changes/conditions.**

Local Gov't.

Chesterfield County - Making Chesterfield Travel Safe (ID#:2525)

- Grant Tabled – Additional information requested.
Invite to future meeting to discuss program.

Roanoke County – Police Traffic Services (ID#:2694)

- Approved – Ensure project description states purchase new radar units vs. replacement.

South Boston – Community Outreach (ID#:2773)

- Allocations Committee agreed to \$7,500 pending additional information on project. Information provided and grant approved at \$10,200.

Fredericksburg City – Pursuit Reduction (ID#2608)

- Allocations Committee agreed to \$5,000. Full Board agreed on recommendation of \$5,000. Increase was requested for stop sticks. Board asked staff to review requirements on equipment purchases.

Motion was made and seconded. **Board Approved Local Gov’t Section with above changes/conditions.**

State Agencies

Department of Education – Analysis of Vehicles Passing Stopped School Buses (ID#:2771)

- Approved – Pending verification from NHTSA on the purchase of cameras.

Department of Transportation – Highway Safety Corridor (ID#:2696)

- Approved at \$200,000. Reduced amount from \$250,000, per Allocations Committee.

Department of State Police – DUI Selective Enforcement. Two parts to VSP grant. (Governor’s Initiative mentioned at May meeting.)

FY06 - Out of Cycle Grant for \$238,670 to begin enforcement efforts.

FY07 - ID#2874 \$610,830 to continue enforcement efforts.

- Board recommended approval for FY06 out of cycle grant and FY07 grant to be included in final approval of the State Agencies section.

Department of Rail & Public Transportation – Operation Lifesaver (ID#:2887)

- Presented to full Board -Submitted after Allocations
Approved at \$62,000.

Department of Education – Community Outreach & Education (ID#:2873)

- Presented to full Board -Submitted after Allocations
Approved at \$90,000.

Motion was made and seconded. **Board Approved State Agency Section with above changes/conditions.**

Non-Profits

Carilion Health System – VA’s Youth Empowerment Initiative (ID#:2540)

- Grant Tabled – Pending history and more detail description of program. Tom McGrath requested to see final grant application before approving.

VA Association Chiefs of Police – Occupant Protection (ID#:2749)

- Grant Tabled – Pending additional information on projects.

Invite to future Board meeting to discuss project.

VA Health Information – CODES (ID#: 2538) - Approved at \$151,177.

Invite to future Board meeting to discuss project.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving - MADD Alcohol Countermeasures (ID#:2551)

- Grant Tabled – pending documentation stating grant funds will be used to assist with local MADD chapters.

National Center for State Courts – DUI Data Integration Project (ID#:2500)

- Grant Tabled - Approved at \$140,118. with condition that results of FY06 project are approved by DMV staff. (Previous grant on data link.)

Washington Regional Alcohol Program (ID#:2763)

- Approved at \$1,000,000.
Invite to future meeting to give update on “Checkpoint Strickforce Campaign”.

National Transportation Safety & Health Institute – HBCU’s (ID#:2718)

- Grant Tabled – pending more information on project (past and future initiatives.)

Motion was made and seconded. **Board Approved Non-Profits with above changes/conditions.**

Public Comment - None

Dates of Future Meetings -

October 18, 2006
DMV Headquarters - Richmond

January 2007
General Assembly

Meeting Adjourned 2:45 pm.